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TAGS: NATO, AWACS, MARR

SUBJECT: DECEMBER DPC -- NATO AWACS

REFS: (A) STATE 286270, DTG 010029Z DEC. 77
(B) USNATO 12032, DTG 109582 DEC. 77

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